

## May 5, 2021

The regular meeting of the School Readiness Council was held on May 5, 2021 @ 12:17 p.m. on WebEx Meeting and called to order by Co-Chairperson Redzic

**Present:** Donna Osuch (Co-Chair) Azra Redzic (Co-Chair) Kristen Peck, Karen Lombardi, Maureen Eaton, Cecilia Garay, Donna Koser, Catherine Plourde, , Joyce Voisine, Peter Kelley, Lauren Kittle, Valerie Pelletier, Brenda Moore, , Jennifer St. John, Susan Adeife Lee, Pam Testa, Linda Rich

**Absent:** Alyssa McGhee, Valerie Toner

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR SCHOOL READINESS COUNCIL MEETING Minutes held on April 7, 2021 by a motion of School Readiness Council member Jennifer St John and seconded, it was unanimous vote to: *approve the minutes of the regular School Readiness Council meeting of April 7, 2021***

### 1. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Program Quality-** Maureen Eaton -no report next meeting May 11,2021 (zoom)
  - **Health Committee-** Cathy Plourde next meeting June 1,2021 @1:00 – (Zoom)
    - Wellness Wednesdays and Tasty Tuesdays –looking at pilot program with Bristol Early Childhood Center to increase enrollment
    - Community Gardens/Eats on the Street –Update from BPRYC
  - **Governance Committee-** Linda Rich – No Report
  - **Community Outreach-** Donna Koser- Committee meets quarterly
    - New concept: Expansion of committee to include “passionate people” (volunteers) to engage and work on projects and to have mentors on Committee to assist
  - **Transition to Kindergarten Committee-** Donna Osuch Next meeting May 17,2021 3:45 (zoom)
    - Dine and Discuss was held April 21<sup>st</sup> – useful information was gathered from participants that help Committee look at challenges now presently with children in PreK and K
    - Ready 4K Program- need to keep increasing the number of participants-working to get all students registered for K in system
    - Noticing more children without a Pre-k experience are registered for K
- ‘Time to Register for Kindergarten’**- online Registration started 2-2021- Please use the tag line on your e-mails Currently 163 children are registered – 41 do not have a pre-K experience
- **Infant and Toddler Committee- - Chairperson Lauren Kittle -next meeting date June 7.2021 (zoom)**
    - Parent and Child Center was not awarded the OEC Grant. BPRYC is exploring options to continue services

- Breastfeeding in the Park – event scheduled for August 7<sup>th</sup> (rain date August 8<sup>th</sup>)

## **2. SCHOOL READINESS GRANT MANAGER REPORT**

### **The School Readiness and Quality Enhancement Grant RFP has been submitted**

OEC has stated the following grants will be coming to assist Programs

- Stabilization Grant for all programs (except licensed exempt that don't participate in Care4kids) This means our BOE program will receive no funding from this grant
  - Parent fee stabilization Grant
  - Care4Kids-pays for parent share portion of the fees
- **Just noting- none of these funds have been released at this time**

*The need to get the Governor/legislators to allocate funds to raise the reimbursement rate for School Readiness Programs- Campaign of using QR code that sends messages from parents/community members and staff to selected Legislators and Governor's office asking for their support.*

## **3. QUALITY ENHANCEMENT REPORT**

Last drawn down to be completed next week

## **4. MONITORING VISIT REPORT**

Registry- Desk monitoring completed

BOE serving 122 Part Day/Part Year students

BPCCC serving 98 Full Day/Full Year students

IN-MEL serving 88 Full Day/full Year students

## **5. RESIGNATIONS**

**None**

## **6. APPOINTMENTS**

**None**

## **7. OLD BUSINESS**

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

Linda Rich is retiring July 2, 2021- The SRC wishes her well and thanks her for her exceptional service to the SR Council and the Bristol community.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:16 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary-Alice Petrucelli-Timek

School Readiness Grant Manager